Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—I cannot say without the records. I want notice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I have asked that question. That is in the question itself. This is no fresh question or supplementary question. I want to know whether there are Tanahdars and Watchers who were in the service for 10 years.

President.—'The information called for is not available' is the answer given.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will there not be some records ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—No Service Books were maintained.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was no enquiry made about this ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—There are no records ; then how can enquiries be made ?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Without the records, is it not possible to say whether a Tanahdar was in the service for 10 years ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—The Tanahdar might say so. But we do not know.

President.—We are not here to discuss the correctness of the answer given.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Some amount is paid every month, every year, by bills. Cannot we know from such bills whether they were in the service for so many years ?

President.—You mean 'pay bills'. For how many years are pay bills preserved ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—How long they were in the service I cannot say. As for the pay bills they are destroyed after three years.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will there not be accounts of the pay bills or the pay given in the Taluk? I want an answer from the Government to my question.

Consumption of fuel by factories and the Tram.

456. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total number of Tile Factories in the State;
(b) the total number of Boilers working in the State;
(c) the average consumption of fuel per month by
  (1) all these Factories and
  (2) that by the Boilers;
(d) the consumption per month by the Tram;

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(e) the total acreage of forest exclusions already sold of their forest growth and the approximate quantity of fuel that could be removed from such area;

(f) the total acreage of forest exclusions that remains to be sold and the approximate quantity of fuel contained therein?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a) Twenty-seven.

(b Seventy-eight.

(c) (1) 900 tons of fuel and 17 tons and 1,560 gallons of liquid fuel.

(2) 4,625 tons.

(d) 359 tons.

(e) *Northern Division.*—4,189·39 acres, and 44,894 cart loads of fuel.

Southern Division.—831·98 acres and 6,163 7/16 cart loads of fuel.

(f) *Northern Division.*—1,039·30 acres and 10,393 cart loads of fuel.

Southern Division.—680·32¼ acres and 7,549½ cart loads of fuel.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are there any other sources for fuel besides the reserve forests in the Cochin State?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—So far as I know there is none besides the reserve forests.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know how many cart loads make a ton?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Two cart loads make a ton.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know whether the quantity which can be derived from the reserve forests will be sufficient to meet the demands of all these factories for a number of years?

President.—It is a matter of opinion.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is the Conservator in a position to say whether this will be sufficient for a dozen years?

President.—It is a matter of opinion.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—If there are figures I can understand. If that is calculated it can be got. It is not a matter of opinion. I want to know whether the quantity in the reserve forests will be sufficient to meet the demands for 12 years?

President.—First the demand for 12 years should be ascertained and then the quantity required to meet the demand should be ascertained.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—It is given here. 72 housand tons for Factories and Boilers. It is admitted here.

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President.—I said it is a matter of opinion and my ruling should be respected.

Acreage of Reserve Forest.

457. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total acreage of Reserve Forests in the State besides the excluded area and the approximate quantity of fuel that could be usefully removed from the Reserve without detriment to the standing trees;

(b) whether any new area is planted for fuel;

(c) the total area given to planters and the income derived from them per year?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a) i. 585 sq. miles or 3,74,400 acres.

ii. About 4 cart loads per acre.

(b) No.

(c) 13,878·10 acres. Rs. 26,752-5-10.

Article in the Mahati Newspaper regarding Anchal service.

458. Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether its attention has been drawn to a letter written in the newspaper "മഹതി", dated 22nd Dhanu 1104, page 3 under the heading "കടലാസ്";

(2) if the Government has perused the letter in question, will it be pleased to state whether the grievances mentioned therein are real, and if so, what action has been taken by the Government to remove such grievances;

(3) if the Government has not seen the letter in question, will the Government be good enough to state whether they will peruse the said letter and take such action as they think necessary in the matter without unnecessary delay?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) Government cannot say that the grievances are real. Representations have, however, been received of delayed deliveries and Government are considering the question of appointing an additional Anchalman for the Southern-Chittur Anchal Office.

(3) The question does not arise in view of the answer to (2) above.

Use of a tank in Olarikkara by Christians.

459. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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